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SUBJ: PRESS ON AZORES SITUATION

1. JUNE 11 AFTERNOON PRESS PLAY ON AZORES SEPARATIST MOVEMENT

ONLY INCLUDED TWO ARTICLES INSIDE PAGES "DIARIO DE LISBOA"

(PCP-CONTROLLED) AND FULL INSIDE PAGE A CAPITAL (MIXED LEFTIST)

WITH MINOR MENTION OF U.S.

2. USING AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE AS SOURCE, DL REPORTED THAT

REPRESENTATIVE OF AZORES SEPARATIST MOVEMENT CALLED "CLANDESTINE

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AZORES PROVISOY GOVERNMENT" ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE THROUGH

ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVE IN FRANCE STATING THAT SEPARATISTS DELIVERED A LETTER TO PRES. COSTA GOMES DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO FRANCE REQUESTING HIS SUPPORT FOR AZORES INDEPENDENCE AND A REFERENDUM TO DECIDE IT. LETTER ALSO PROPOSED SUBSTITUTION OF FOREIGN MILITARY AT LAJES AIR BASE BY PORTUGUESE CIVILIAN PERSONNEL.

3. "CAPITAL" ARTICLE STATED SAILORS FROM FIVE NATO SHIPS DISTRIBUTED JUNE 6 ANONYMOUS PAMPHLET SUPPORTING AZORES INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT DURING SEPARATIST RALLY. ARTICLE SAYS SOURCE OF PAMPHLET, WRITTEN ENGLISH, IS KNOWN, BUT ARTICLE DOES NOT GIVE IT. SAME ARTICLE STATES USE OF LAJES AIR BASE WOULD BE EASIER FOR U.S. TO OBTAIN IF AZORES WERE INDEPENDENT AND ALSO MENTIONS WITHOUT FURTHER COMMENTARY THAT INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT HAS MADE GREAT IMPACT IN MASSACHUSETTS.

4. SAMPLE HEADLINES FOLLOW: DL: "REACTIONARIES DETAINED IN AZORES", CAPITAL: "CALM RETURNS TO AZORES AFTER NEW ARRESTS."

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